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**VIA E-MAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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RE: Regulations Revisions

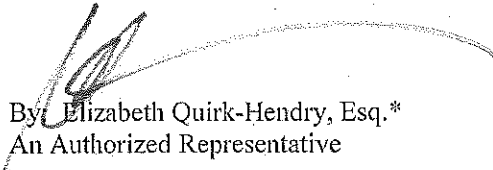
Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to the Connecticut Siting Council's (the "Council") Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations dated October 6, 2011, NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") would like to request a hearing on this matter and through this letter enter an appearance in these proceedings.

NRG applauds the Council for proposing rules that seek to streamline the process for obtaining determinations as to whether proposed energy projects would have a substantial environmental effect. However, NRG believes that the Council should hold a hearing to consider whether the exemptions from this determination as proposed in (New) Sec. 16-50j-57 unduly limit the opportunity for parties potentially affected by the proposed energy projects to participate in the determination process. Moreover, the hearing should also consider whether the notice provisions contained in both (New) Sec. 16-50j-57 and (New) Sec. 16-50j-58 unduly limit the timeframe available for parties potentially impacted by the proposed energy projects to timely prepare a response to any proposal.

NRG believes that the current process protects the interests of the many parties involved in, or affected by, the energy infrastructure development in Connecticut. NRG believes that potentially affected parties should have the opportunity to provide specific comments on how the new regulations might be modified and implemented to protect the interests of all parties involved in energy infrastructure development in the State.

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